

This was recently posted and is something for the Supreme Court to consider: Can a 13-year-old girl adopt a baby if she wants to? No. Obviously not, are you nuts? What about a 15-year-old girl? Can she adopt a baby if she feels like it? Absolutely not! How about an 18-year-old girl? Surely, SHE could adopt a baby, right? Still, no. No way. What if she is 20? No longer a teenager. A 20-year-old can adopt a baby if she feels like it, right? No. Hm. Weird. Why not? There are 400,000+ children in foster care, why can't she adopt at least one of them? She just cannot. You must qualify to adopt a child. Rigorous background checks, home visits, proof of financial and mental stability, etc. it is a whole thing. Cool. But if she, at 14, gets impregnated by an abusive ex-boyfriend (who shoved her out of his moving car and left her for dead), she must carry to term, give birth and just, figure it out somehow? Yes. That is correct. But she is only 14 ... SHE WILL FIGURE IT OUT. She should have been more careful. Made better choices. So, to "punish" her for her poor choices, we force her into motherhood, which we have established she is unqualified for? And now, we are suddenly comfortable with a young, traumatized girl, caring for a vulnerable little screaming human being that is wholly reliant on her for survival? Yes. Absolutely. Such an unexpected blessing